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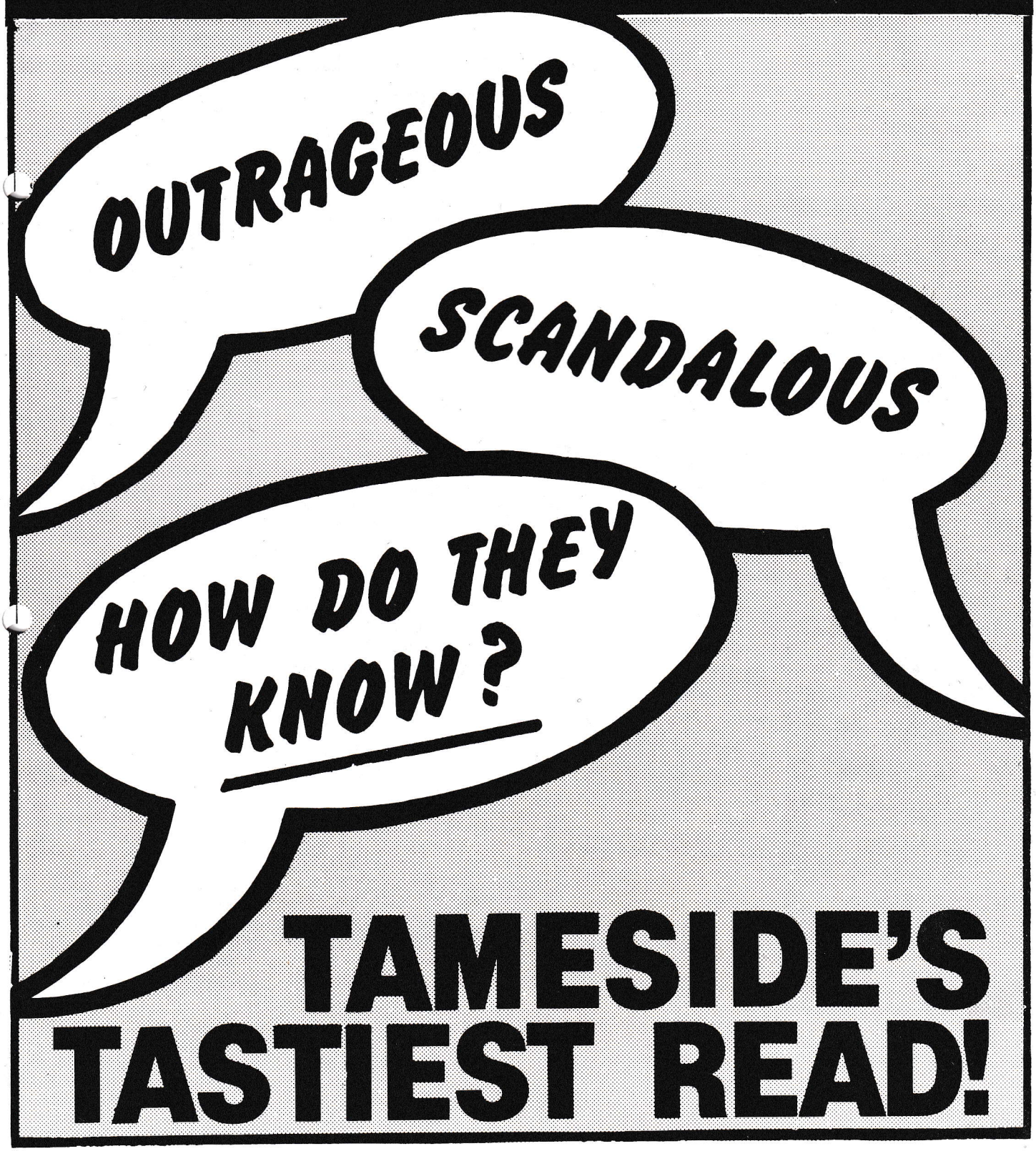


HOT TIP

SIX MEN, GREATER MANCHESTER COUNCIL EMPLOYEES, HAVE BEEN FINED BETWEEN £150 AND £100 EACH FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM CONTRACTORS WHO WANTED TO TIP ON THE SHEPLEY RD. SITE, AUDENSHAW. *BUT SO FAR, NONE OF THE CONTRACTORS WHO ACTUALLY DID THE BRIBING HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED.*

The contractors slipped the men about £3 and then dumped on a tip intended solely for local authority use. This saved them, on an average load, about £17 per lorry as they should have taken their rubbish to Adswood in Stockport and paid £1.50 per cubic yard to tip. Just 12 illegal trucks a week on Shepley Rd. top would have lost GMC £10,000 a year in revenue they should have got at Adswood site. Meanwhile, the Shepley Rd. tip seems to have been filled in much faster than council officials expected (surprise, surprise!) And, recent rumours of toxic wastes in the tip, so quickly denied by the authorities and local Tory Cllr. EDWIN HALL may still have some substance to them. Until the bribing contractors are brought to book, no one will know what was dumped or in what quantity

'NIFF MANSION

Ever wondered where the manufacturers of Hydes indescribably revolting Kingston Stink live? Most of the Smiths - owners of SMITH BROS. Niffy meatworks in Hyde live in this secluded little mansion on Mottram Old Rd., Hyde. Well up-wind of the stink their factory produces.□

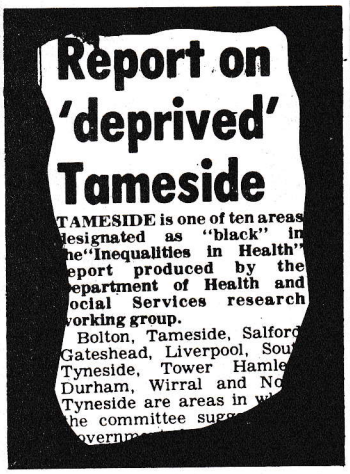
Locked Up

Money has now become so tight in the Borough that it is no exaggeration to declare lives are being put at risk.
In an attempt to cut down phone bills the bureaucrats have said a padlock can be placed on the telephone dial when no-one 'responsible' is around. EYE knows of a padlock being placed on the only telephone in a well used community centre - if there is an emergency users will be faced with smashing the lock on their own dial for help, or running quarter of a mile to a busy call box.□

When University Lecturer JACK SHELMERDINE was made a magistrate for SOUTH TAMESIDE late last year he gave THE REPORTER a lengthy rundown of his life and achievements. JACK, of WORDSWORTH CLOSE, DENTON ommitted to mention that he is the Lodge Secretary of the DUKINFIELD FREEMASONS.□

No Escape

A new classroom at the COPLEY COMPLEX in STALYBRIDGE has just been closed down by the HEALTH & SAFETY inspectors. Reason ? It was built without a fire-escape.
A fact which appears to have escaped the notice of the TAMESIDE planning and building inspectors who passed the designs in the first place.□



Report on 'deprived' Tameside

TAMESIDE is one of ten areas designated as "black" in the "Inequalities in Health" report produced by the Department of Health and Social Services research working group.

Bolton, Tameside, Salford, Gateshead, Liverpool, South Tyneside, Tower Hamlets, Durham, Wirral and North Tyneside are areas in which the committee suggests government...

This item appeared in the REPORTER in Late Feb. Regular EYE readers were told about the findings of this health report three months ago.□

Overheard

Overheard in a newsagent that stocks TAMESIDE EYE.
REGULAR CUSTOMER: " I see that you sell that disgusting paper TAMESIDE EYE. As from next weekend I'm cancelling the paper I've ordered! '
NEWSAGENT: "Like hell you are. I'm cancelling your orders right now. No-one tells me what I sell.'

(EYE is now on sale in 85 newsagents in the Borough as well as a few Manchester outlets. If its not available in your local newsagent find out if they want to take it and let us know).□

Ooops!

REMEMBER THE OLD RHYME? 30 DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER,... Well, TAMESIDE's Print Dept. don't. The official 1981 calendar gives July THIRTY days and NOVEMBER THIRTY-ONE. Don't be surprised if TAMESIDE officials turn up a day late for appointments this year.□

Bingo

Regular PUNTERS at ASHTON BINGO AND SOCIAL CLUB might be interested to know who gains when they lose.
Owners of the club are JOHN BOTTOMLEY and his wife ELAINE who live in SALWICK near Preston and collect the takings from five other BINGO enterprises as well as the ASHTON one. They also have interests in two property companies.

£150,000

Here's an opportunity for all you house buyers with money to spare. PHILIP DAWSON, top local Tory and Estate Agent Extraordinaire is flogging THORNECLIFFE HALL his HOLLINGWORTH mansion for a mere £150,000. THORNECLIFFE HALL was where PHILIP entertained WILLIAM WHITELAW our Home Secretary last year. So, £150,000 must surely be a small price to pay for the privilidge of being privy to a privy where once the rich and famous sat!
PHILIP incidentally, is said to be moving to a new house on the posh MOTTRAM RISE estate. If we remember rightly that estate was built on land sold by PHILIP himself to MC.ALPINES for £1.5 m. in the early 1970's.□

Bob...

The fastest growing political party in Tameside is .....THE ECOLOGY PARTY, who claimed 12 members after the newly formed local branch had been formed only a week.
They say they intend putting up a candidate in the May Greater Manchester Council Elections - probably in Stalybridge.
For the Ecology Party, however, their candidate could be ROBERT SYKES from Mossley. Nice to note that ROBERT has actually paid his dues this time. He once put up as a LIBERAL candidate in Mossley, with their full support. Despite the fact he never actually joined the Liberal party.□

...&Frank

This new threat to Labour domination at the polls comes hard on the heels of the local Communist Party's decision to put up their candidate this May too - FRANK CROPPER. Initially, FRANK was going to put up against left wing Labourite MIKE CUSTANCE, but was persuaded to shift his attack to the more moderate labour candidate BERT DAVIES. Given FRANK's own rather unique and somewhat reactionary version of Communist doctrine, voters could well have difficulty telling BERT and FRANK apart.□

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PAY RISE

Recently there were problems finding the cash for staffing a Reception class at Staly Hill Infants and Junior School.
Parents responded quickly by offering to *PAY* for a teacher themselves!
The anxious parents of Mottram Rise, often amongst the first to complain at a rates rise, got short shrift from Education Chairman GLYN FORD. He told them that if they wanted to pay for an extra teacher, his Dept. would be only too pleased - but they would decide in which school the teacher was most needed.□

Last issue we suggested that DAVID SPIERS the Tameside CHIEF EXECUTIVE should save the borough £15,000 a year by making himself voluntarily redundant. Well DAVID we'd like to apologise. You aren't paid £15,000 a year it's more like £25,000 a year. Sorry!□

BADGES

Two local Nazis received National recognition at the last National Front Annual Conference.
ROY VAN BARROW received a 'commendation' from Front Chairman ANDREW BRONS whilst the local Fuhrer. FRANK DAWBER got the 'NF Gold Badge' DAWBER who works as a monumental mason at Gee Cross was no doubt receiving the recognition he deserves for such recent services to the community as brawling in Stamford St. AUL handing out racist leaflets to local schoolkids messing up local Sunday league football etc.etc.□

LEON HOWARD, boss of WARMCO the Mossley based space heating co, and stunt pilot extraordinary, is flying airborne 'V' signs at Tameside's Planning Chairman JACK PETTIT B.E.M. Remember PETTIT's claim that Enforcement Orders approved by his committee on 3rd Dec. would 'more or less end LEON's flights. Keen chopper spotters have noticed no cessation of activities in Mossley's murky skies.
LEON says, "You don't want to believe all you read in the papers" and will hire you one of his £150,000 Jetrangers at the bargain rate of £300 per hour.
Maybe he knows that the Enforcement Order PETTITS committee served 10 weeks ago is still in the DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION's "IN" tray.□

Mr. PILKINGTON, local Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers and last year's President of Tameside Teachers, has written to Church-run schools telling them to ignore the recent banning of the cane by the Council. He has already been contradicted by fellow Heads who agree with the ruling, and continued his rise in the unpopularity stakes when he suggested school meals price rises to stop teachers being made jobless.□

We understand the OMBUDSMAN has been called in to investigate TAMESIDE AREA IMPROVEMENT GROUP the body of Housing workers who run Tameside's housing action areas.
This is the second blow to the group's image in recent months. Just before Christmas two AREA IMPROVEMENT GROUP workers in the WEST END of Ashton had to be asked to resign. They did. And, everyone is keeping very mum about why.□

In our constant search for local worthies to take the Michael out of in our regular PET OF THE MONTH spot the name of ERIC ROTHWELL JP and HARRY TAYLOR keep cropping up. So, if there are any ERIC or HARRY watchers out there do give us a ring. ALL information will be treated in complete confidence.□

PET OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTHS LEGGY LOVELY IS LOCAL NIGHT CLUB OWNER PETER JESSOP!
PETER's PERT AND PRETTY AND JUST LOVES DISCO DANCING. WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PETER'S SEXY DISCO MOVEMENTS? READ ON.....

Peter Jessop

A NEW "SOPHISTICATED" NIGHT CLUB OPENS IN A RUN-DOWN TAMESIDE TOWN. IT GETS THE WHOLEHEARTED ENDORSEMENT OF THE MAYOR OF TAMESIDE, TOP LABOUR COUNCILLORS, PAT PHOENIX.... AND COMPLAINTS FROM THE NEIGHBOURS.... WE THOUGHT WE'D TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAN WHO OWNS IT.

PETER JESSOP arrived in Tameside sometime in '78. He opened up a small screen printing business at the shabby end of STAMFORD ST. ASHTON.
He was so broke then that he had to go next door to beg the use of their phone and painted a shop front in lieu of payment for printing services.
Three years later PETER JESSOP stands in dress suit and dicky bow, shaking hands with the Mayor of Tameside, GEORGE HATTON at the opening of SHADES, the Stalybridge Night Club JESSOP has spent £250,000 on.
Where did the money come from?
In the early days, some of it came from the very kids he is now trying to exclude from his swank new night club.

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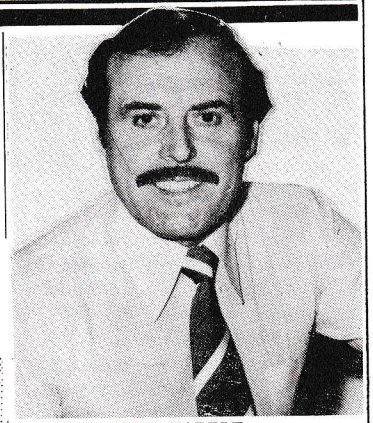
Who's been sleeping in my Mansion?

JOHN BOND



DEREK HARTLE

JOHN BOND, new MANAGER of MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB, recently moved into his luxury home in Cheshire, with his family. And just where was he residing whilst the Cheshire house was being bought?
At MOTTRAM OLD HALL with Tameside's Bankrupt Millionaire DEREK HARTLE.□

PROFILE

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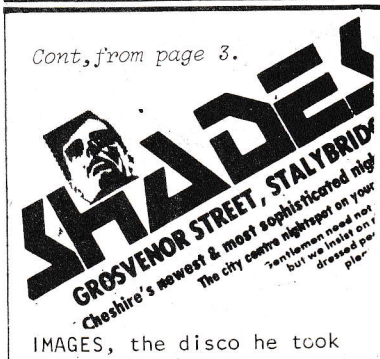


IMAGES, the disco he took round local TOWN HALLS soon developed a big following amongst TAMESIDE teenagers and D.J. JESSOP in jeans and teeshirt became something of a cult figure amongst them.
He prided himself on being able to 'manage' his large boisterous and often unpredictable disciples.
He liked to have young lads around him. Most of his staff in the early days were not long out of school and quite a few were on Govt. financed job-creation projects.
At the time JESSOP looked like a drop-out.

But he was always careful to describe himself as a businessman.
And BUSINESS soon picked up. He landed the BBC contract for building 'It's a Knockout' Monsters. His design services were in demand.
He did the interiors at CHECKERS disco in ALTRINGHAM, and his latest design job is to be seen at SCISSORS the new Stalybridge beauty salon.
JESSOP, the impoverished swinger soon had enough money to buy property in MIAMI and the BAHAMAS and married a woman who is herself a night club owner. He bought the house he used to rent at Henry Sq. and offered to rent it to the Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary Service.
Then, SHADES.
Some of the money for that is coming from his partner JOHN LEES, a former Mr.T.V. ADONIS and MR. UNIVERSE competitor, who owns cardshops in Stalybridge and Glossop and runs a money-lending business on the side.
Also involved in SHADES is JACK DELANEY and Stalybridge Builder.
Who must have money to spare from the rents he's collecting on the old Stalybridge fire station he bought up cheap, renovated and now lets out to local businesses.

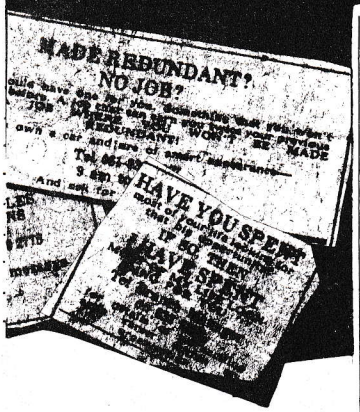
PETER JESSOP

Whether SHADES is going to make more money for these three men is another question.

At the moment PETER JESSOP is backtracking on his original plan to make SHADES exclusive. Lack of custom is forcing gimmicks on him. His 50p. night is one, and so is his free entry for parties of unaccompanied young ladies, who, presumably, are meant to attract large parties of unaccompanied young men.
At the moment PETER JESSOPs problem is not so much the locals who have complained about his sign and his noise because they don't appear to have any support from their local councillors; his problem is to persuade the 'young professional' swingers of Greater Manchester to come to Stalybridge on a Saturday night for their weekly dose of sophistications. And THATS a tall order.□

BUSINESS

A FOOT IN THE DOOR



IF YOU're UNEMPLOYED AND DESPERATE FOR WORK, THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU TAKE ON A SELLING JOB THAT OFFERS YOU GOOD MONEY FAST.

STEVE RAWLINSON of Dowson Rd. Hyde, had been out of work for a year when an Ad like the one in our illustration caught his eye.
He rang up the company HUNT NOBLE (FINANCIAL) LTD and was invited to an interview at their offices on Police St. Manchester.
There were seven other applicants, all unemployed and the HUNT NOBLE boss GEORGE JAY.
The job, STEVE learnt, was selling insurance policies to students.
The pay was a basic £240 a month plus commission.
But there were lots of catches.

First, HUNT NOBLE weren't actually going to employ them. They were to be SELF EMPLOYED. This would allow them to claim a lot of income tax expenses.
It would also, as it happens, relieve HUNT NOBLE of all the legal responsibilities an employer has towards an employee, and save it the inconvenience of having to pay the employer's national insurance contributions.
Secondly, that £240 basic was not what it semmed.
In order to qualify for it HUNT NOBLE salesmen have to sell at least 12 policies.
If they sell fewer than 12 HUNT NOBLE pick up the premiums and the agents commission on what the salesman did sell, but don't pay out the £240. Because of the insecurity of this system, HUNT NOBLE generously advise their new salesmen to continue signing on for at least a month.
Two of the eight interviewees dropped out more or less immediately, but STEVE, desperate for cash, decided to have a go.
He signed a curious agreement promising not to "divulge" any information about the company's operations or its methods of business dealing and was given a day's training in sales techniques. After that he was sent out with his 28 point selling patter, to tramp round the bed-sits and backstreets of student Manchester.

A few days and several sales later he began to find the whole thing distasteful.
The policies he was selling were quite legitimate.
But he wasn't at all sure about the selling technique advised by HUNT NOBLE.
The patter begins with an assurance to the suspicious student that HUNT NOBLE were providing a 'free advisory service'.
At no point in the four pages of smooth talking is there any mention of the fact that HUNT NOBLE are actually SELLING anything.
The salesman concludes his informative speel and then says 'of course, all this is ASSUMING you CAN BE ACCEPTED so lets find out'
He pulls out an insurance proposal form and gets the student to fill it in
Then out with a bankers order, a quick read through everything and then the signature.
Its all very clever and perfectly legal.
Its just not very moral.
But its certainly good business for HUNT NOBLE and its boss GEORGE JAY. By encouraging his new salesmen to continue signing on for a month Mr. JAY's company gets what amounts to a regular subsidy from the tax payer (if new sales men couldn't sign on how many would sign Mr. JAY's employment contract?)
His salesmen do all the work, have no security, get paid no expenses, get no insurance stamps and , if they fail to meet their quota don't even get a wage.
whilst JAY and Co. collect their agents' fees from the big insurance companies for ALL the sales made, even the under-quota ones he paid nothing for himself.
No wonder he can afford such a nice house in ALDERLEY EDGE and a ROVER 2000 run about.□

PROPERTY

DEANS' DEEDS

THE DEAN FAMILY - SOLICITORS, MAGISTRATES, MONEYLENDERS, AND SLUM LANDLORDS ARE BACK IN TOWN AND UP TO THEIR OLD TRICKS.

Regular readers will remember the DEANS - father HARRY, mother MARY JP and their Cambridge educated solicitor son JOHN very well. A couple of years ago we ran a story about the GRANTS a young DUKINFIELD couple, whose lives were made miserable through agreeing to buy a house off the DEANS under the notoriously unfair Rental Mortgage System.

Recently though the Denton based family company DEAN & WHIPP have kept a low profile. But a DEAN & WHIPP sign over a new Stalybridge office development started EYE on the DEAN-TRAIL again. We discovered that they're now causing new heart-ache for some people on Church St. Dukinfield who bought old slum houses off them only to find the DEANS very unwilling to hand over the deeds.
Without the deeds the new owners can't get improvement grants to make their old houses decent, and they can't sell them.

The BRADFORD AND NORTHERN HOUSING ASSOC. for example is currently trying to buy houses off some Church St. Residents in order to improve them, but cannot because the DEANS are hanging onto the deeds.
The situation got so bad that one resident started legal proceedings to get their house deeds from the DEANS.
That was a year ago and the DEANS still have them.□

High and low

Once upon a time WIMPEYS the giant building firm got a contract from HYDE corporation to build high rise flats on COMMERCIAL ST DENTON.

When Tameside came onto the scene high rise council flats were out of fashion.
They cancelled the contract and awarded WIMPEYS £30,000 compensation out of the rates.

Since then TAMESIDE have had low rise council houses built on COMMERCIAL ST. using the ready prepared site. Who got the contract? WIMPEYS of course.□

Fabulous Prefabs

Here's another fairy tale... In the early seventies, a handcart building firm called MOSS WILLIAM AND SONS LTD were given the job of refurbishing and landscaping a council owned estate of post war prefabs on BENTLEY RD and ROSEHILL DENTON.

It was a lucrative contract and MOSS WILLIAM AND SONS LTD. flourished. They bought wagons and vans and moved into spanking new premises on MARKET STREET DENTON, where ROLAND BARDSLEY now has his smallworks Dept. Then, a year or two later Tameside sent in their environmental health inspectors to these prefabs. They were declared unfit and demolished.

MOSS WILLIAMS AND SONS LTD are now based in Trafford.□

Slump

Just before Christmas 30 plumbers were made redundant from the DUKINFIELD smallworks dept. of ROLAND BARDSLEY the builders.
Reason? The slump in the building trade.
This slump does not appear to have affected building boss ROLAND BARDSLEY's own lifestyle.
We understand that his wife and fellow director ANNE has got the use of a new MERCEDES BENZ

Roland Bardsley HOMES
Bardsley Build for a Better Way of Life

In 1979 ROLANDS company report was predicting 'high profits' for 1980 And it is not likely that his companies are in real trouble so far. BARDSLEY signs are still to be seen on new developments all over Tameside and he has jsut landed another TAMESIDE contract. And, only a year ago his main company made a £225,000 profit and stashed away rainy day reserves of £166,209.□

Loo-dicrous

BERT FIELDING IS A TAMESIDE COUNCIL TENANT. WHEN HIS CISTERN STOPPED WORKING, HE REPORTED IT USING THE NEW REPAIRS COMPUTER. BERT waited 3 weeks for his cistern to be mended. During this time he went again to report the problem, only to be told by the computer that the job had already been done! So he patiently explained it had definitely NOT been mended, and finally someone came round and fixed it.
A few days later, another Council worker came round - to mend the Cistern! It appeared the computer said it had not been done yet...
The final twist: the same fault has happened again, just after the second visit.
And we were told the newfangled machine would get repairs done efficiently!□

Open Your EYE Each Month

EYE now out regularly every month - see Page 12 for all the details.

Damp and the Ritz

What have LORD VICTOR COLLIN MATHEWS, SIR GODFREY WAY MITCHELL and MRS. KAREN WRIGLEY got in common ?

Answer DAMP. The catch being that KAREN has to live in it (as do many other HATTERSLEY tenants) whilst LORD VIC and SIR GODFREY now own the firms that built HATTERSLEY.

For, LORD MATHEWS is the head of the TRAFALGAR HOUSE GROUP who recently bought out W.J. SIMMS, SONS & COOKE (NORTHERN) LTD. who, among others, put up the notoriously bad three storey 'walk-up' blocks on Hattersley.

Before this SIMMS used to be owned by STALYBRIDGE property developer DAVID KNOTTs PRENWAIN DEVELOPMENTS LTD. DAVID and his father JOSEPH own STALYBRIDGE CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB.

TRAFALGAR made nearly £42 million profit before tax in 1979.
LORD VICTOR who owns racehouses and the DAILY EXPRESS has no damp accomodation problems- he owns the RITZ HOTEL in London.

WIMPEY's were the other major housing botcher on Hattersley. They built the all-concrete houses on John Kennedy Road - many of which are now infested throughout with a very unpleasant Black Mould.
A few years later when the damp problems were already obvious WIMPEY still won the contract for all the new homes on Stockport Rd. Their 90 year old President SIR GODFREY MITCHELL lives in his Buckinghamshire Mansion "COPPER BEECH' away from such distractions as mould. In '78 WIMPEY's managed a mere £57m. in pre tax profits.

KAREN who has watched the damp destroy clothes and curtains in her flat is just one of the many trying to force Manchester Housing to remedy the defects.□

JESUS THREW THEM OUT OF THE TEMPLE 200

MONEYLENDE

WHEREVER YOU FIND POVERTY YOU FIND MONEYLENDERS. AFTER PROSTITUTION ITS PROBABLY THE OLDEST BUSINESS ON EARTH. THERE ARE SCORES OF MONEYLENDING BUSINESSES IN TAMESIDE MANY OF THEM HANDED DOWN FROM FATHER TO SON TO GRANDSON , GOING BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN MONEYLENDERS OFTEN DOUBLED UP AS PAWNBROKERS, HAD 'AGENTS' IN EVERY COTTON FACTORY AND FREQUENTLY RAN DOOR-TO-DOOR CREDIT CLOTHES BUSINESSES WITH A 'TALLYMAN' TO DO THE COLLECTING AND SELLING. NOWADAYS OF COURSE ITS DIFFERENT. THE MONEYLENDERS CALL THEMSELVES 'FINANCE BROKERS' .THEY ARE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN BIG HOUSES IN DESIRABLE PARTS OF TOWN. BUT THE BUSINESS IS MUCH THE SAME. AND SO ARE THE CUSTOMERS. THEY'RE USUALLY ON LOW WAGES, OFTEN IN DEBT ALREADY AND NEED MORE TO KEEP THEIR HEADS ABOVE WATER. AND TODAYS MONEYLENDERS ARE JUST AS HAPPY TO OBLIGE AS THEIR GRANDFATHERS WERE.....

Who are they?

GREENWOOD

Tameside's top money lender is NEVILLE THOMAS ARDEN GREENWOOD JP. He took over the family moneylending business, H.T. GREENWOOD LTD. STAMFORD ST. ASHTON in the early sixties and turned it into a multi million pound organisation with bran ches all over GREATER MANCHESTER and debtors in just about every council estate in Tameside.

In the process NEVILLE GREEN WOOD moved himself and his family from HENRIETTA ST.AUL to a much more desirable residence at 15 MOTTRAM OLD RD. STALYBRIDGE. And in 1967 received the ultimate accolade of local respectability, a place on the magistrates bench in Hyde.

Most of the money for NEVILLES giddy rise came from making small personal loans at high interest rates.

There were £3,935,287 worth of them in 1976. But he's also into check trading, does a bit of debt collecting on the side, and is branching out into insurance.

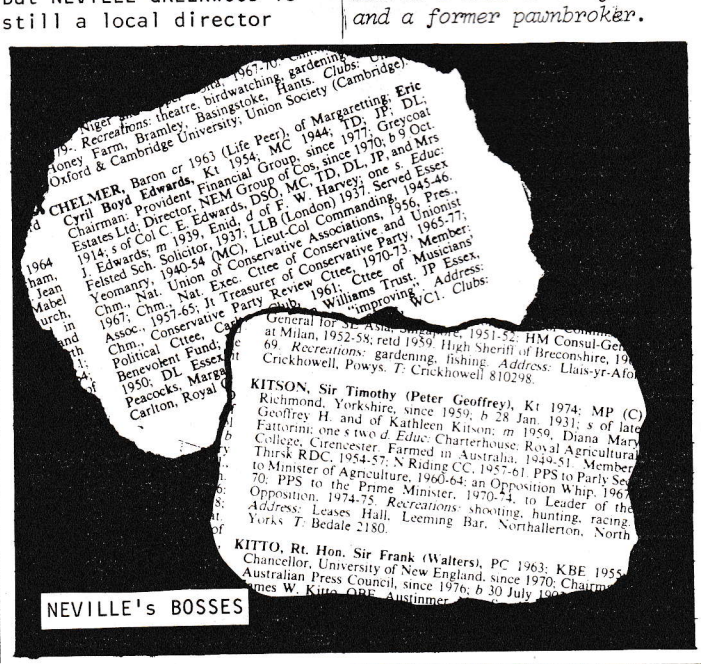
In 1978 he sold out his companies to the massive LONDON based PROVIDENT FINANCIAL GROUP run by the Tory Peer LORD CHELMERS and Conservative M.P. SIR TIMOTHY KITSON. KITSON used to be the PARLIAMENTART PRIVATE SECRETARY for EDWARD HEATH (see inset). All the profit from GREEN WOOD's local moneylending now goes to swell the PROVIDENT coffers, helping to produce the £6.45m. profits it made in 1979. But NEVILLE GREENWOOD is still a local director and a major shareholder in THE PROVIDENT. In 1979 he picked up £11,000 in dividends on his £135,000 PROVIDENT shares.

If you want to borrow money off GREENWOOD you have to be in employment and prepared to let the GREENWOOD Manager come round to check your rent book and pay slip. They dont discuss terms over the 'phone.

SHAW

HENRY SHAW LTD. 8 WARRINGTON ST. ASHTON UNDER LYNE.

HENRY SHAW is best known for his debt collecting, but he's also a moneylender and a former pawnbroker.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KITSON, Sir Timothy (Peter Geoffrey), Kt 1974; MP (C)
KITTO, Rt. Hon. Sir Frank (Walters), PC 1963; KBE 1955;
NEVILLE's BOSSES

The business was set up b HENRY CHORLTON SHAW who died in 1973.

It's now run by his son HENRY and HENRY's son PETER. HENRY's wife JOAN is also a director. And, like fellow moneylender NEVILLE GREENWOOD she's a magistrate on the SOUTH TAMESIDE bench. Th ll live together, just up the road from the GREENWOODS at 146 MOTTRAM OLD RD. STALYBRIDGE.

Just about every big shop and trader in TAMESIDE mus have sold bad debts to HEN SHAW at one time or anothe Regular ' customers' inclu the TAMESIDE COMMUNITY IN-VOLVEMENT COUNCIL (TCIC) the somewhat dubious charity run by TAMESIDE's Chie Probation officer CHARLIE JONES.

TCIC manage a lot of decre it short-life accomodation for TAMESIDE HOUSING DEPT and have resorted to SHAW when impoverished tenants wouldn't cough up the rent TRIMLINE - the health and beauty business - are a 'swinging' company w' hav availed themselves o EN-RY's services.

One case involved an alcoholic who joined TRIMLINE when she was drunk, never went, and never paid the fees. TRIMLINE sold the debt to SHAWS who eventua took the girl to court.

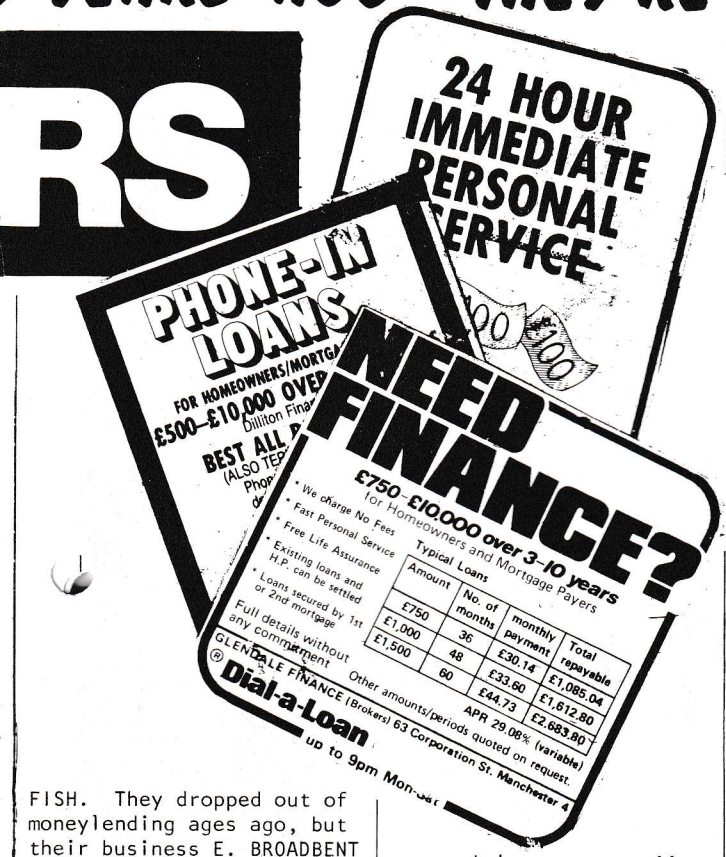
If you want to borrow mon off HENRY SHAW they prefe you to be married and wor ing. They don't require security and will lend yo between £50 and £100 to be paid off at £2 or £4 a week, over many, many week

WOOD

ASHTON AND DISTRICT FINAN CO. LTD. WELLINGTON RD. A

The Ashton and District was set up in 1919 by two local accountants ERNEST BROADBENT and TOM MILLWAR

) YEARS AGO~ THEY'RE STILL IN TAMESIDE.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What do they do?

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They are very unwilling to lend money to you if you live in 'digs' in case you moonlight.
They won't tell you much over the phone, preferring you to come in and fill in a form. After that the bigger ones are quite likely to send a man round who will look you over, and , after the deal is signed, will make regular visits to collect the cash.
Most MONEYLENDERS have several strings to their wallet.
DEBT COLLECTING is often one of them.
They like to call their DEBT COLLECTING activities TRADE PROTECTION. What they do is buy a bad debt off a shop, or a business or an individual for less than it is actually worth, and then try to collect the full amount. For example, If you couldn't keep up the payments on a cooker worth £200, a MONEYLENDER cum DEBT COLLECTOR might buy your £200 debt from the cooker shop for £150 and then come knocking at your door for the full amount. If you dont cough up they take you to court.

A major source of information for would-be DEBT COLLECTORS is the regular gazette published by the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF TRADE
This organ contains long lists of people who have defaulted on HP payments etc. For a bit more than the regular subscription TRADERS and MONEYLENDERS can get access to the even longer lists kept in the society's COMPUTER.
If you've ever been in debt, it's odds on you're in that computer somewhere.
ANOTHER SIDELINE of the BIG MONEYLENDERS is CHECK TRADING.
GREENWOODS on STAMFORD ST. ASHTON do a lot of this.
What happens is this.
You go along to your friendly local moneylender cum CHECK TRADER and ask for one of their CHEQUE BOOKS worth, say, £20.
They give it to you, after you have agreed to pay them £22 back over a period of weeks.
You then take your CHEQUE BOOK to any of the local traders who handle them and buy goods to the value of £20.
The traders then take your £20 worth of cheques to GREENWOODS who give them £18 for them. The traders lose out on your purchase but gain on the extra trade GREENWOODS send them.
And GREENWOODS, of course, gain at both ends.□

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GOD?

NATIONWIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES 35 BOOTH ST., ASHTON U LYNE.

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He lends small sums to be repaid within 20 weeks.
If you miss a payment you pay double next week plus an £8 'fine'.□

We will be continuing our investigation into local moneylending and would welcome any information YOU HAVE. RING 455 3724.

NEXT MONTH...

WE PROBE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS...

JESUS THREW THEM OUT OF THE TEMPLE 2000 YEARS AGO~ THEY'RE S

MONEYLENDERS

WHEREVER YOU FIND POVERTY YOU FIND MONEYLENDERS. AFTER PROSTITUTION ITS PROBABLY THE OLDEST BUSINESS ON EARTH. THERE ARE SCORES OF MONEYLENDING BUSINESSES IN TAMESIDE. MANY OF THEM HANDED DOWN FROM FATHER TO SON TO GRANDSON , GOING BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN MONEYLENDERS OFTEN DOUBLED UP AS PAWNBROKERS, HAD 'AGENTS' IN EVERY COTTON FACTORY AND FREQUENTLY RAN DOOR-TO-DOOR CREDIT CLOTHES BUSINESSES WITH A 'TALLYMAN' TO DO THE COLLECTING AND SELLING. NOWADAYS OF COURSE ITS DIFFERENT. THE MONEYLENDERS CALL THEMSELVES 'FINANCE BROKERS' .THEY ARE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN BIG HOUSES IN DESIRABLE PARTS OF TOWN. BUT THE BUSINESS IS MUCH THE SAME. AND SO ARE THE CUSTOMERS. THEY'RE USUALLY ON LOW WAGES, OFTEN IN DEBT ALREADY AND NEED MORE TO KEEP THEIR HEADS ABOVE WATER. AND TODAYS MONEYLENDERS ARE JUST AS HAPPY TO OBLIGE AS THEIR GRANDFATHERS WERE.....

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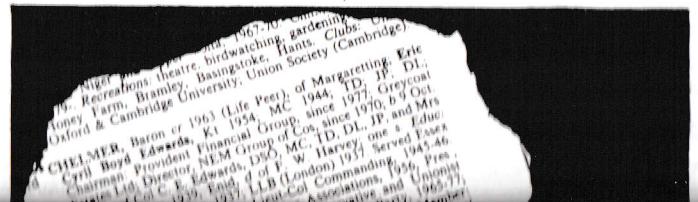
Who are they?

GREENWOOD

Tameside's top money lender is NEVILLE THOMAS ARDEN GREENWOOD JP. He took over the family moneylending business, H.T. GREENWOOD LTD. STAMFORD ST. ASHTON in the early sixties and turned it into a multi million pound organisation with branches all over GREATER MANCHESTER and debtors in just about every council estate in Tameside.

In the process NEVILLE GREENWOOD moved himself and his family from HENRIETTA ST. AUL to a much more desirable residence at 15 MOTTRAM OLD RD. STALYBRIDGE. And in 1967 received the ultimate accolade of local

LONDON based PROVIDENT FINANCIAL GROUP run by the Tory Peer LORD CHELMERS and Conservative M.P. SIR TIMOTHY KITSON. KITSON used to be the PARLIAMENTART PRIVATE SECRETARY for EDWARD HEATH (see inset). All the profit from GREEN WOOD's local moneylending now goes to swell the PROVIDENT coffers, helping to produce the £6.45m. profits it made in 1979. But NEVILLE GREENWOOD is still a local director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and a major shareholder in THE PROVIDENT. In 1979 he picked up £11,000 in dividends on his £135,000 PROVIDENT shares.

If you want to borrow money off GREENWOOD you have to be in employment and prepared to let the GREENWOOD Manager come round to check your rent book and pay slip. They dont discuss terms over the 'phone.

SHAW

HENRY SHAW LTD. 8 WARRINGTON ST. ASHTON UNDER LYNE.

HENRY SHAW is best known for his debt collecting, but he's also a moneylender and a former pawnbroker.

The business was set up by HENRY CHORLTON SHAW who died in 1973.

It's now run by his son HENRY and HENRY's son PETER. HENRY's wife JOAN is also a director. And, like fellow moneylender NEVILLE GREENWOOD she's a magistrate on the SOUTH TAMESIDE bench. They all live together, just up the road from the GREENWOODS at 146 MOTTRAM OLD RD. STALYBRIDGE.

Just about every big shop and trader in TAMESIDE must have sold bad debts to HENRY SHAW at one time or another. Regular ' customers' include the TAMESIDE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL (TCIC) the somewhat dubious charity run by TAMESIDE's Chief Probation officer CHARLIE JONES.

TCIC manage a lot of decrepit short-life accomodation for TAMESIDE HOUSING DEPT, and have resorted to SHAW when impoverished tenants wouldn't cough up the rents.

TRIMLINE - the health and beauty business - are a 'swinging' company w' l have availed themselves o HENRY's services.

One case involved an alcoholic who joined TRIMLINE when she was drunk, never went, and never paid the fees. TRIMLINE sold the debt to SHAWS who eventually took the girl to court.

If you want to borrow money off HENRY SHAW they prefer you to be married and work-

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INDUSTRY

ASHTON JIG

Last October MARTIN OULTRAM a 26 year old ASHTON man with a wife and two kids, was made redundant from the ASHTON JIG AND TOOL CO. on YORKSHIRE ST., AUL. Reason given? Falling orders.

A matter of weeks later the firm re advertised the job they had made MARTIN OULTRAM redundant from. 12 people applied, and by lunchtime the job had gone.

The story made some DEC. editions of the REPORTER. In them the Management of JIG & TOOL CO. pointed out that they had followed correct procedures all along the line. What they didn't point out was that MARTIN OULTRAM's old job had gone to a relative of the family who own JIG AND TOOL.

We dug a little deeper. And discovered that ASHTON JIG & TOOL CO. LTD. have a record of keeping things in the family.

There was a time, according to sources in the Local Engineering Unions, when nearly all JIG & TOOLS tiny workforce seemed to be related, and the board of directors has always been a family 'closed shop'

The two active directors are FRED CLIFTON of 5 HALL CLOSE MOTTRAM and his son JOHN of WOODLANDS RD. STALYBRIDGE. In 1971 JOHN was a lowly apprentice tool maker with the firm. Two years later he was sitting next to his dad on the board of directors. Not surprising then, that he now has a reputation with the workforce of being 'spoilt and arrogant.'

Other directors at JIG AND TOOL include FRED's wife AILEEN and his daughter KATHRYN who lives in BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The company accounts for May 1980 show that the directors shared out £33,460 between them.

The bulk of this would have gone to JOHN and FRED and helped pay for FRED's Mercedes Benz.

The firm itself made a trading profit of £26,935 which was a £20,000 increase on the previous year.□

ICL

Management at ICL have been having a field day at their SNIPE FACTORY in Ashton.

The result of the negotiations reported in EYE 19 is a chilling sign of the times.

- 44 skilled workers have taken voluntary redundancy and will all have left by March at a cost to the firm of at least £100,000 in redundancy payments.
- 10 have retained skilled work elsewhere in the factory.
- 19 skilled workers have accepted £15 p.w. less in wages and semi-skilled work on the new S3 computer.

This leaves just 4 others, 2 of whom are stewards, who are likely to receive compulsory redundancy notices.

EETPU, the Union involved faced anger and derision from other Unions at a recent Confed.meeting for their failure to resist the Management blackmail.

Meanwhile, Personnel Officer GARETH TREVOR must be pleased with the way he has handled the SNIPE situation.

After only a year in the job this young whizzkid is full of clever ideas. Like threats to take the new computer work elsewhere if people don't agree with his plans; like suggestions that the SNIPE workers need to choose between having their coffee breaks in comfort or having a job.

ICL, who face losses of £50 millions this year, told their 4,000 hourly paid workers last month that they did not intend any wage increase at all in 1981. This, they say, is the firms 'survival year.'□

ARNFIELD

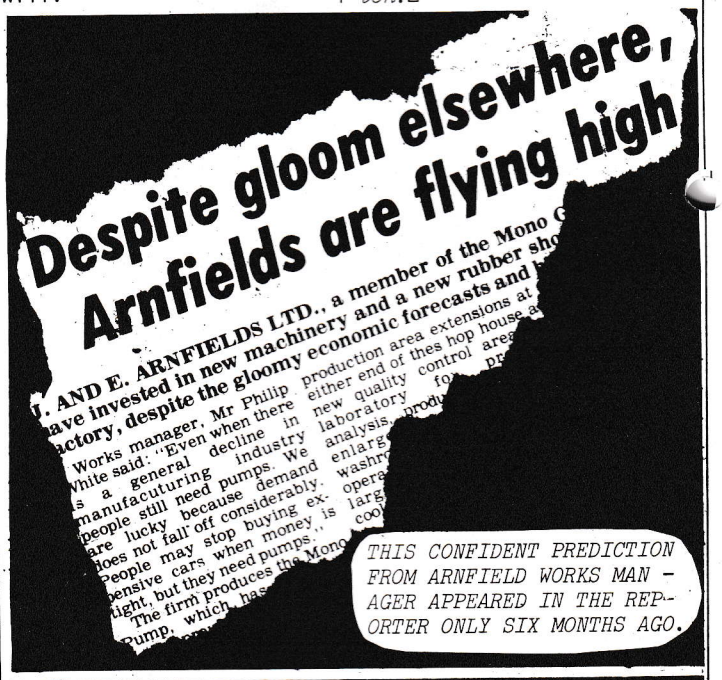
THE 86 WORKERS BEING MADE REDUNDANT AT THE ARNFIELDS PUMP WORKS AT GUIDE BRIDGE ASHTON ARE TAKING IT ALL VERY WELL ACCORDING TO THE REPORTER AND ARNFIELDS 50 YEAR OLD BOSS GORDON CEDRIC LIVERSIDGE.

The workers threatened with unemployment see it differently.

They were furious when Liversidge insisted that all the redundancies should be compulsory and refused to consider the voluntary redundancies, early retirement or work sharing alternatives suggested to him by their Unions. As we go to press workers and management are holding an 'external conference' to solve the problem. No one is optimistic that it will.

ARNFIELDS are in trouble because of cheap foreign competition which turned a 1978 trading profit of £807,099 into a threat of losses this year.

ARNFIELDS workforce recognise this but point out that the Companies ultimate owners, GALLAGHERS, and the giant BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO CORPORATION made multi million pound profits last year and can well afford to cushion the impact of the present world recession.□



Despite gloom elsewhere, Arnfields are flying high

J. AND E. ARNFIELDS LTD., a member of the Mono G
have invested in new machinery and a new rubber sho
factory, despite the gloomy economic forecasts and h
Works manager, Mr Philip White said: "Even when there is a general decline in manufacturing industry people still need pumps. We are lucky because demand does not fall off considerably. People may stop buying expensive cars when money is tight, but they need pumps." The firm produces the Mono Pump, which has

THIS CONFIDENT PREDICTION FROM ARNFIELD WORKS MANAGER APPEARED IN THE REPORTER ONLY SIX MONTHS AGO.

STINKS AND BANGS

WHO'S BEEN FOULING THE BOROUGH THIS MONTH THEN?

Top of the list is - Guess Who? - CHEMSTAR of Carrbrook whose Socialist boss GEORGE BINGHAM of far-away Heaton Moor is still embarrassed about his stinks and messes, but doesn't appear to be able to stop making them.

Another regular is SENIOR SERVICE of Newton who are being smelly, and OLDHAM BATTERIES of Denton who are being noisy.

A welcome to this column to Ashton's aptly named 'PIGGERIES' whose odiferous business is being investigated by Tameside's trusty ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Inspectors.□

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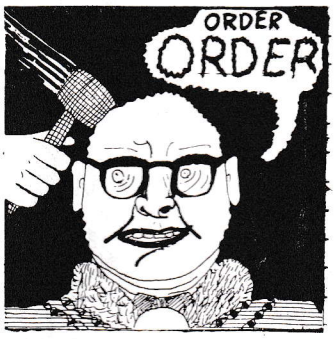


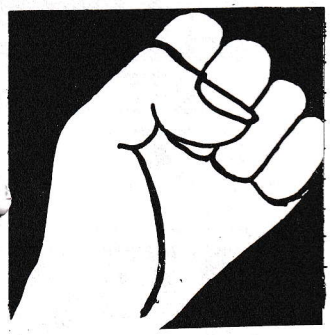
Who are the Labour Group of Councillors going to dump in the Mayoral seat this year? Contrary to the popular image of the MAYOR being part of some cute Anglo-Saxon tradition, the appointment is hotly contested.
This year the ABOLITIONISTS are bound to line up a candidate, who - once elected- will abolish the post and build a council house on the proceeds (it costs over £40,000 a year to run the Mayor).
This person is likely to be CLLR. PHIL TOMLINSON from MOSSLEY.
Meanwhile, the Labour NUISANCE SQUAD are grooming their Mayoral candidate, the candidate they want to PREVENT AT ALL COSTS becoming a Chairman of Committee.
Given his current performance EYE puts GEORGE HATTON (the current Mayor) up, as the first man who will remain Mayor for two terms in a row. But the TRADITIONALISTS have their candidate too and pretend that none of this unseemly behaviour takes place and so will not reveal their choice.
Finally, the LUNATIC FRINGE are suggesting the sole Liberal Cllr. MARK HUNTER, should be Mayor, so that everyone would at least know who he is.□

Recently there was a sinister meeting of the senior officers of the council and a select band of senior Labour councillors, as the Emergency Planning Group. These are the people who would organise the soup kitchens (Education) and dig the graves (Wreckreation) when the bomb drops.
Well, we think there was a meeting. There may even have been an emergency.
Who knows? The whole exercise - surely the ultimate in forward planning and one that concerns every child, woman and man in the Borough - was kept most secret. So secret, in fact, that one Chairman of Committee didnt get invited to it.
Perhaps it never happened. Meanwhile, a motion opposing the siting of nuclear weapons in Tameside is making its way through the Labour party.□

TED NEIGHBOUR, Chief Wrecker at Tameside Wreckreation breathed a long sigh of relief when he said goodbye to his deputy, DENNIS MC. BURNEY for the good MAC had been a permanent thorn in neighbours side ever since the Dept. was formed. TED probably couldnt believe his luck when MAC took up Tameside's early retirement offer.

In one of the briefest Council meetings ever, the Tories were at their quietest in recent times, as item after item went through on the nod. The only (lukewarm) heat generated throughout the meeting came in the discussion on corporal punishment.
Leader of the Labour Group Cllr. ROY OLDHAM declared it to be damaging (although it had done him no harm) - but he could see from a glance over the depleted Tory ranks that there were many long term ill-effects! Cllr.JOHN BELL immediately chimed in with an attack on the 'trendy lefties' who wished to remove an ' essential part of discipline in our schools.' He was ignored, as was the opposition of some head teachers, and the move was passed.
There's no talk of a sub-committee being formed to guide teachers on alternative forms of punishment .....ideas welcome, on a postcard please.□

YOUR RIGHTS



REDUNDANCY

A firm planning redundancies must consult recognised trade unions at once and notify the Department of Employment. at least 30 days before if 10-100 are involved and 90 days if over 100 workers are to lose their jobs.
Employers must give workers written REDUNDANCY NOTICE stating how the money has been worked out.
If a worker has been with a firm for at least two years they must be given REASONABLE PAID TIME OFF to look for a new job or go on a training course.
A worker is entitled to redundancy pay if he has been with the same employer for at least two years and is under retiring age.

MONEY

Redundancy pay is calculated as a basic award together with a compensation award as follows:-
BASIC one and a half weeks pay for each year when age 41 or over. One weeks pay for each year when age 22-41. Half a weeks pay for each year when age under 22. No more than 20 years employment counts and no more than £120 a week giving a maximum of £3,600.
COMPENSATION. Based on loss of earnings, loss of wage increases, loss of pension rights, expenses in finding a new job, loss of accumulated right to notice. These payments are not taxable up to £10,000

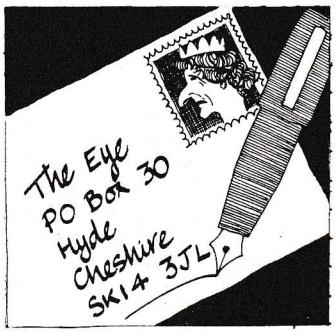
DOLE

When a worker leaves a job unemployment benefit is payable for one year together with earnings related for the first six months. Dole is not means tested but after a year supplementary benefits must be claimed.
Savings of £2,000 (including redundancy pay) disqualify a claimant from supplementary benefit.
It might be a good idea to reduce savings by spending on non-luxury and non-investment items.
These could include home improvements, replacing worn out items of furniture, or a holiday.□

PARLIAMENT

Since Xmas our three local MPs have maintained their reputation for being 'quiet men' in Parliament.
KEN MARKS, who, by and large is the noisiest of the three was off for two weeks in early January with the flu This left TOM PENDRY and ROBERT SHELDON to keep up their usual deafening silence.
They did this very well. They kept quiet during the rate support grant debate on the 14th. AND right through the lengthy and noisy debate on Govt. Economic policy the following day.
They neither spoke nor voted during the debate on the GREATER MANCHESTER BILL which, among many other important matters, contains controversial clauses about public demonstrations and police powers.
It was left to KEN MARKS to break the silence when, just back off his sick bed he asked MARK CARLYLE whether he was satisfied that LEA's were doing all they could for handicapped children.
CARLYLE slapped KEN down in a written reply demanding to know whether he had any evidence that LEA's WEREN'T doing their job.□

LETTERS



BEASTLINESS

273 BROADOAK RD., A.U.L.

Dear Sirs,

I read with mounting disgust the letter from a homo sexual in your last issue. It seems to me that normal men can no longer enter a public urinal without being approached by peverts, many of them wearing womens underclothes. The whole structure of morality in this country is at risk while degenerates are allowed to skulk in the vicinity of lavatories, exposing themselves to unsuspecting house wives and enticing young boys to make merry with their genitalia.

The sort of debased individual to whom I refer is, of course, a product of our 'permissive society'. I am in complete agreement with Manchester's Police Chief, who rightly condemns this sort of beastliness and would probably castrate these people if it were legal, or at least have them committed to mental institutions. A rigorous regime of healthy discipline, daily religious instruction and electrodes connected to their testicles would soon show them the error of their ways. In some institutions it is the custom of male murses to dangle miscreants from upper-storey windows: that fact alone would deter me from becoming a homosexual as I can't stand heights.

Since reading the letter mentioned above, I have made it my practice to thoroughly search toilet cubicles for discarded vaseline containers or other evidence of lubrication, and to carefully examine lavatory seats for signs of copulatory fluids, which could communicate widespread and unpleasant anal diseases to the rest of society, resulting in a total breakdown of civilisation as we know it. It's bad enough that many toilets are smeared with excrement without the added risk of univited gropememt by men wearing suspender belts.

Yours etc.

E.R. BARRACLOUGH. □

EYE 'IMMATURE' ON NHS

85 Newshaw Lane, Hadfield,
Via Hyde Ches. SK14 8AR

Dear TAMESIDE EYE,

I believe that it would be more beneficial to the Tameside public if you encouraged a more mature app roach to solving the terrible problems which most of us accept exist in our health service. We could try making positive suggestions as to the improvement of the existing maternity services in Tameside, instead of negative, destructive criticisms.
These could be submitted to the midwifery staff and consultant obstetricians who could be invited to reply.
I had my baby in Tameside Hospital in Oct. 1980 and was not worried before, during or after the birth about the hospital.

Instead I enjoyed my ante natal care and the delivery. As all women, I felt emotionally very vulnerable for a few weeks after the birth but with my husband's support returned to normal during the first weeks at home. I realise that not all women enjoy their stay in hospital, but not all women hate it either. Some really appreciate the efforts made by the midwives and others involved in the birth.

I take exception to the sensational journalism which is both negative and destructive and does nothing to help the pregnant women in Tameside approach the birth of their baby with a relaxed mind, so important if the birth is to be enjoyable.

Yours faithfully,

BARBARA ALLOTT. □

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DEAR EYE,

On Saturday 31st January HYDE & BROADBOTTOM WOMENS GROUP organised a peaceful demonstration outside the THEATRE ROYAL HYDE to draw attention to out feelings about films such as "Dressed to Kill". The demonstration was a success in that quite a number of women and men participated and leaflets giving statistics concerning violence against women were accepted by the audience.
It may be said that our demonstration could simply increase interest in the film but we felt it necessary to draw public attention to the issue of media portrayal of violence against women. Ignore it - and it does not go away. Quite to the contrary - as women have gained legally and socially in independence- so the portrayal of violence, and actual violence has escalated.
"Dressed to Kill" and the media generally, feeds us with a dubious message about women. The coverage of the Ripper murders was a clear example of this. His victims were at first prostitutes and then the press noted a 'worrying change' - as his victims became ' innocent'women. "Dressed to Kill" tells the story of the murder of a sexually promiscuous woman. Recently women in the North of England were advised by the police to stay at home, to avoid the danger of the Ripper- when, as a matter of fact, most violent attacks against women take place in the home. We were told to venture out only in the company of men - but one third of the victims of rape are attacked by a man they know.

A man is now in police custody awaiting trial for the Ripper murders. A crowd of 2,000 jeered and yelled abuse when he made his first court appearance I wonder how many of that crowd would think twice before going to watch a screen version of the brutal murder of a woman, as portrayed in "Dressed to Kill" etc. No doubt one day we will be treated to a film of the Ripper's unsavoury activities - I believe such has already been suggested - and for the moment rejected.
Violence against women is a sickening reality.
One quarter of all reported crime is assault on women. Last year 1170 cases of rape were reported and hundreds more women have been murdered than those publicised as the Ripper victims. All this - and yet film moguls continue to rake in money paid by the public to see filmed versions of violence against women. If I were to suggest censorship I can imagine the shocked outrage of the left, and our group does find this a difficult issue - I just wonder what would be seen as appropriate action if we began to witness a spate of film where the "thrills and excitement" were sold as the brutal murders of members of racial minorities, instead of the murder of women ?

PENNY NOEL
HYDE AND BROADBOTTOM WOMENS GROUP.
(If you wish to know more of our activities ring Chris on 368 6869) □

MACHO ROYAL
DRESSED TO KILL
starring
MICHAEL STICK
ANGRY DICKINSON
M&CP.
Don't spoil it for your friends!....
Tell them about the shocks... the sex... the violence ... the blood...
but don't tell them-
TO GO AND SEE IT!
THIS FILM IS STRICTLY FOR ADULT SADISTS.

WRETCH PUBS

Hallo Readers!

Centre parties? DAVID STEEL? SHIRLEY WILLIAMS? WOY JENKINS?
Pff!Tch! Our very own COLIN GRANTHAM leader of TAMESIDE's Glorious Conservative party, put the whole thing into practice YEARS AGO when he sat on a GEE CROSS residents Committee that included himself my good friend FRANK DAWBER (Gravestone manufacturer and leader of the local National Socialist Party) and a prominent HYDE communist by the name of GRATH or GRAW or BERIA or some-such Russian nonsense. Together they succeeded in diverting the course of a threatening motorway from GEECROSS to HATTERSLEY, where they are all council tenants.
Now, if the world leaders of the past had followed COLIN's example and formed a CENTRE PARTY composed entirely of MODERATE EXTREMISTS who knows what wonderful things might have happened.
If only ADOLF HITLER, JOE STALIN and MARGARET THATCHER could have got together.
We'd have colonised the Universe by now. Think of the advantages.
We could have emigrated all the TRADE UNIONISTS to MARS and banana-boated all the MARTIANS here, where they could have made themselves useful driving buses, cleaning out our dirty public lavatories with laser beams and providing that wonderful man FRANK DAWBER with GREEN people to blame every thing on.
CENTRE PARTIES ?! Pshaw!
I say, ROLL ON THE FORMATION OF THE INTERGALACTIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC NAZI PARTY (Marxist-Leninist) with Comrade Gauleiter COLIN GRANTHAM at its head!

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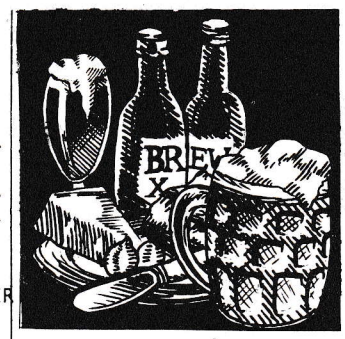
Wretch



After all the whining and moaning the big six breweries have been doing about their falling sales and reduced profits it was refreshing to hear that one of them has come up with a great solution for the drinker.
For a limited period, WILSONS the Manchester brewers has reduced the price of a pint on average 10% (although not wholly absorbing the drop, 5% comes from the landlords in tenanted houses.)
We went to review two local WILSONS houses.

The BOUNDARY

THE BOUNDARY, Guide Bridge Audenshaw is a nice friendly pub with pleasant decor and an audible juke box. Beer reduced from 44p. to 40p. for bitter.

The CHURCH

The other visited was THE CHURCH near Crown Point in Denton. Again, typical Wilsons, a large roomy pub with shabby bogs. A juke box plays too low but it does have a garden to take the kids in if the weather allows. The beer here was not reduced - 44p. a pint for bitter.
Now is the time to try a WILSONS house, especially one with the price cut, it may never be as low again unless their experiment works, and if it does this may force the other breweries to lower their prices and that has got to be good.

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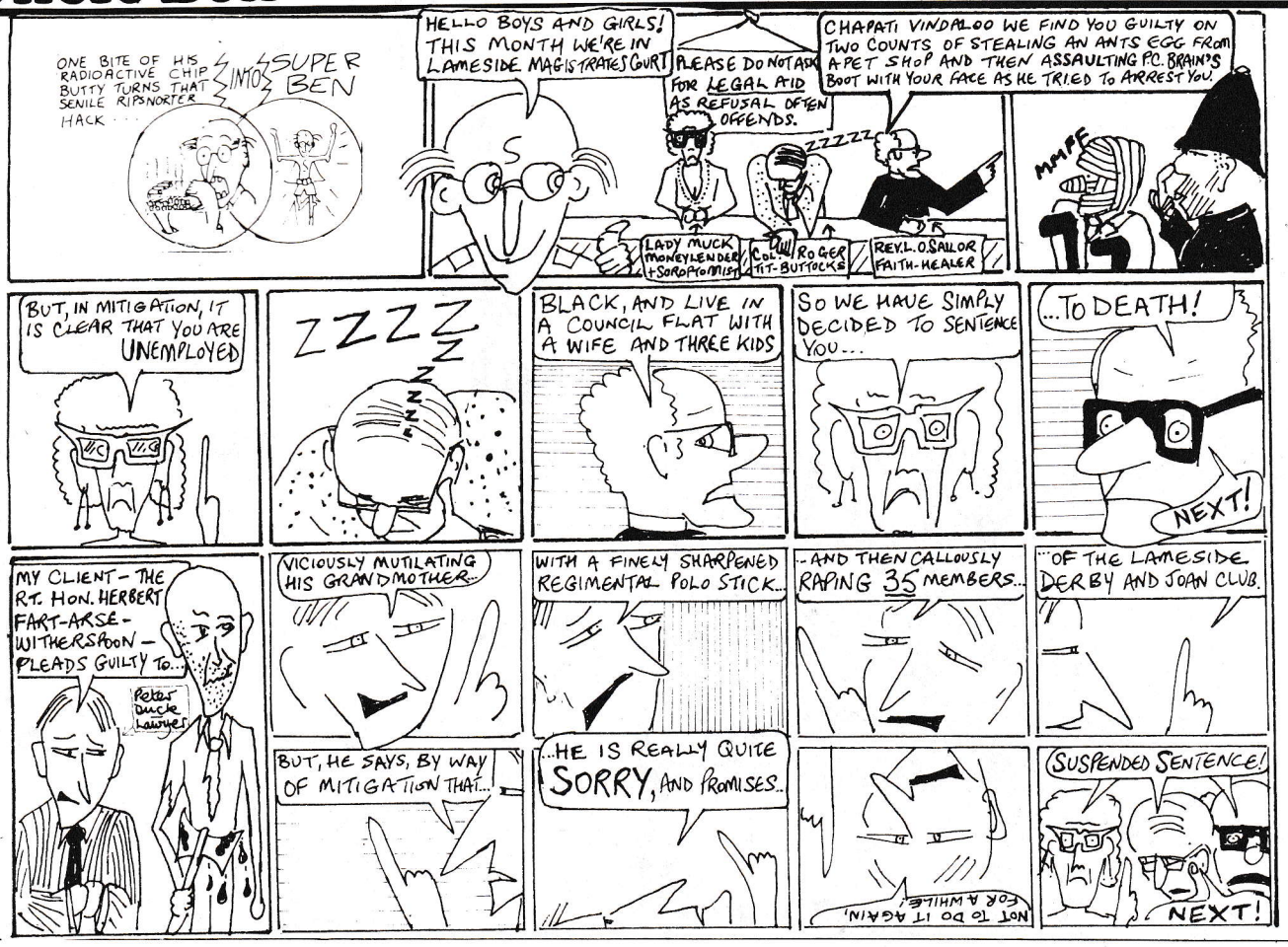
Many of the stories in these pages are there because people ring us up with ideas and information. So if anything ODD has happened down your way, or you know a SOD who's giving somebody a hard time, or you have got a bit of gossip, or you just want to sound off at us GET IN TOUCH.

Uncle Ben

UNCLE BEN TOOK A LOOK AT THE LAW - THIS IS WHAT HE SAW!


ONE BITE OF HIS RADIOACTIVE CHIP BUTTY TURNS THAT SENILE RIPSNORTER HACK ... SIMON SUPER BEN
HELLO BOYS AND GIRLS! THIS MONTH WE'RE IN LAMESIDE MAGISTRATES COURT
PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR LEGAL AID AS REFUSAL OFTEN OFFENDS.
CHAPATI VINDALOO WE FIND YOU GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS OF STEALING AN ANTS EGG FROM A PET SHOP AND THEN ASSAULTING P.C. BRAIN'S BOOT WITH YOUR FACE AS HE TRIED TO ARREST YOU.
ZZZZZ
MMPF
LADY MUCK MONEYLENDER + SOROPTOMIST
COL. TIT-BUTTOCKS
ROGER
REV. L. O. SAILOR FAITH-HEALER
BUT, IN MITIGATION, IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED
ZZZZ
BLACK, AND LIVE IN A COUNCIL FLAT WITH A WIFE AND THREE KIDS
SO WE HAVE SIMPLY DECIDED TO SENTENCE YOU...
...TO DEATH!
NEXT!
MY CLIENT - THE R.T. HON. HERBERT FART-ARSE-WITHERSPOON - PLEADS GUILTY TO...
Peter Duck Lawyer
VICIOUSLY MUTILATING HIS GRANDMOTHER...
WITH A FINELY SHARPENED REGIMENTAL POLO STICK...
...AND THEN CALLOUSLY RAPING 35 MEMBERS...
...OF THE LAMESIDE DERBY AND JOAN CLUB.
BUT, HE SAYS, BY WAY OF MITIGATION THAT...
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SUSPENDED SENTENCE!
NEXT!

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POWER PLAYS: An evening of theatre about the uses and abuses of NUCLEAR POWER and its alternatives by London based INTER-ACTION THEATRE. Weds 25th Feb. at 7.30 in the College Hall. Beaufort Rd. AUL. 50p. adults 25p. unwaged. Subject to College Governors Approval.

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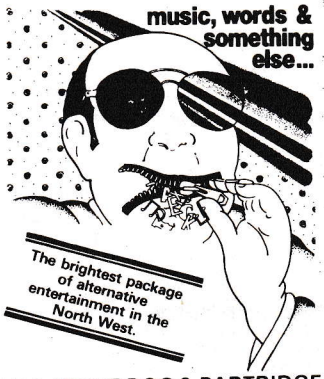

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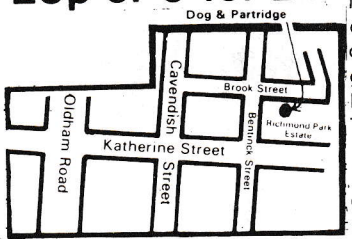

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